



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL JAMES R. LACKEY

Colonel James R. Lackey is the Vice Commander of the 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The wing consists of more than 2,700 personnel conducting specialized undergraduate pilot training for more than 300 U.S. Air Force and allied student pilots each year. The wing operates more than 200 aircraft, flies more than 49,000 sorties annually and logs more than 71,000 flying hours each year.

Colonel Lackey hails from Jamestown, North Carolina and earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He received his commission as a second lieutenant from the university's Air Force ROTC program in 1988 and graduated from pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma the following year.

Colonel Lackey served over nine years in the regular air force and flew operationally in the T-38, T-41, C-12 and C-5 before joining the Air Force Reserve in 1997. Since joining the Air Force Reserve, Colonel Lackey has served as an air reserve technician, individual mobilization augmentee and traditional reservist. Additionally, Col Lackey has held a number of reserve posts, including commander of the 709th Airlift Squadron, action officer for the Mobility Requirements Office at the Air Force Headquarters and Commander, 512th Operations Support Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.



EDUCATION

1988 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
1993 Masters of Arts in Management and Public Administration, Webster University
1995 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL
1999 Air Command and Staff College, in correspondence
2001 Air War College, in correspondence
2006 Advanced Joint PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA
2009 Joint Military Operations Course, Naval War College, Newport, RI
2012 NATO Senior Officer Policy Course, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany
2012 COMAFFOR Senior Officer Course, Expeditionary Center, McGuire AFB, NJ
2014 Reserve Components National Security Course, Ft McNair, Washington DC

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1988 - November 1989, student, undergraduate pilot training, Vance AFB, OK
2. January 1990 - January 1992, T-38 instructor pilot, 25th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, OK
3. January 1992 - July 1993, T-41 Instructor Pilot, 1st Flight Screening Squadron, Lackland AFB, TX
4. August 1993 - August 1994, C-12 Aircraft Commander, USMTM, Dhahran, KSA
5. August 1994 - November 1994, C-5 initial qualification, Altus AFB, OK
6. November 1994 - November 1995, C-5 pilot, 3rd Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
7. November 1995 - November 1997, C-5 instructor pilot, life support flight commander, 436th Operational Support Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
8. November 1997 - July 2002, C-5 chief flight standardization and evaluation, 709th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
9. July 2002 - November 2004, global requirements action officer, Pentagon, VA

10. November 2004 - November 2006, assistant operations officer, C-5 evaluator, 709th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
11. November 2006 - August 2008, Commander, 512th Operations Support Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
12. August 2008 - June 2011, Commander, 709th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
13. June 2011 - August 2012, Emergency Liaison Preparedness Officer - Virginia
14. August 2012 - Present, Vice Wing Commander, 932d Air Wing, Scott AFB, IL
15. June 2015 – December 2015 Interim Vice Wing Commander, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance AFB, OK

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: Over 3,600, including 115 combat hours

Aircraft flown: T-38, T-41, C-12, C-5, and C-40

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with silver leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

AF Overseas Ribbon Short

AF Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant August 13, 1988

First Lieutenant August 13, 1990

Captain August 13, 1992

Major October 1, 2000

Lieutenant Colonel August 17, 2006

Colonel September 1, 2011

(Current as of June 2015)